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KIWIS GIVE ROOS HOPE

By Les Shorrock

THE Socceroos face their moment of truth in Sydney on Sunday, needing a win against Israel to go forward towards the final hurdle of their World Cup qualification quest.

After that 2-2 draw in Auckland last Sunday, the Israelis come armed with the knowledge that a draw will suffice and given that fact, their choice of tactics could be very interesting.

John Adshead, who quit as New Zealand coach straight after the Auckland game says Australia should start favourite with its home advantage, but that Israel with the right tactics could nullify that advantage.

Socceroo coach Frank Arok, after the shock of defeat in New Zealand had worn off declared himself confident, but has pressed the panic button nevertheless.

David Mitchell has been sent for, and his club Chelsea, bolting away with the English Second Division has released him.

Eddie Krncevic and Frank Farina will arrive on Friday.

What on earth Arok thinks Farina can do that Slater can't do better is beyond me, and although he is quoted in the newspapers denying that the overseas trio would start, with Graham Arnold lying deep, it seems obvious that they will, otherwise why waste the money on their air-fares.

One thing is for sure, you can expect to see a string of high balls across the Israeli penalty area, looking for Mitchell and Krncevic.

● Croydon's Dave McIntosh stretches out a long leg to thwart Maribyrnong's Paul De Bono.

Another gloomy weekend for our NSL clubs

THERE wasn't much to cheer about as far as Melbourne NSL fans were concerned last weekend.

Only one of our six clubs managed a win, two drew and the other three lost.

And even Melbourne JUST's feat in winning in Sydney against Sydney Olympic was tarnished by the sending off of Ernie Tapai.

Fortunately for all, there are no NSL League games this weekend, as the

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McIntyre Quits

Maribyrnong coach Jim McIntyre quit this week, in the wake of the 4-0 defeat at the hands of Croydon City on Sunday.

Brian James has he story on page 9.

STATE LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

● C'FIELD 1
FALCONS 0
● ST ALBANS 1
'GATE 1
● N'COTE 2
R'WOOD 0
● JUVE 2
GULLY 1
● PINES 0
B'HILL 0
● CROYDON 4
M'BYRNONG 0
● S'VALE 0
FAWKNER 0
● BULLEEN 1
T'TOWN 2

IS A PLAYER'S UNION FEASIBLE?

THAT hardy perennial, a Players' Union, has reared its head again. This time Tony Pezzano, APIA's goalkeeper and captain wants to start one because, among other things, he says players aren't consulted about when games are played.

● *Tony Pezzano... game changes costing him money.*

Pezzano's outburst last Friday in a Sydney newspaper was prompted by the decision to play the Adelaide City v APIA game that night, and according to him, he would have to close his sports shop to travel to Adelaide.

"I'm tired of copping this crap," he was quoted as saying, "it's time the players had a voice and a chance to put their views to the League hierarchy".

Some cynics might suggest that Pezzano should make up his mind whether he wants to be a shopkeeper or a player, especially as he claims he lost $3000 the day before Easter when he had to close his shop and miss the late-night shopping to play in an NSL Cup match.

But does he have a point?

It is high time that players were allowed some official say in the way the League is run.

I stress official, because Pezzano's outburst coul dhave earned him a fine of $1000 under a charge of bringing the game into disrepute, the blanket ban aimed at gagging players and coaches.

We are all getting sick and tired of the NSL's continual switching of games from day to day and venue to venue without any thought for the public or the players.

But the tiny handful of people who mismanage the game seem supremely indifferent to the inconvenience they cause with their ad hoc approach and lack of planning.

But I digress.

To return to the matter of a Players' Union.

Players' Unions in soccer countries work well where the players are full-time professionals, but it's exceedingly doubtful whether a union would ever get off the ground here.

It has been mooted several times before, as indeed has a similar organisation for coaches, but the seed has fallen on stony ground, mainly because, with all due respect to Pezzano, we don't have the right people in the game here with the organisational flair to make a go of it.

There's no Jimmy Hill here, or if there is, I've yet to meet him. Still, I wish Tony Pezzano the best of luck, but I think he 's about to find flogging a dead horse is a very unrewarding business.

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JOE'S DOWN BUT NOT OUT

HIS many friends will be sorry to hear that Joe Dockerty is hospitalised with a broken leg following a traffic accident and won't be up and about for a few weeks yet.

Wisecracking Joe is taking hospital life on the chin, but says it doesn't really suit his gregarious style.

But he has a telephone at his bedside, so if you've heard a fresh joke lately, dial 520 2174, Joe will be only too pleased to hear from you. (Even Rangers' fans are welcome, I believe!)

Joe Dockerty is the second board member to meet with an accident this year already.

Alan Stirling was hospitalised a couple of months ago, following a freak accident on the free-way when his car came into collision with a runaway horse-float.

Happily, he is out of hospital and on the mend.

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OFFSIDE CLUB HAS VACANCIES

The Offside Club, a fellowship devoted to the better enjoyment of soccer, is now a properly constituted body and is offering followers of the game the opportunity to join.

There is a joining fee of $10 which covers the cost of the club tie, and an annual fee of $20 for future years, and due on Feb. 1.

The club's next function will be a membership drive lunch at the Junction Hotel, Windsor, costing $20 all-inclusive.

The hotel is situated on the corner of Peel Street and Punt Road.

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KIWIS DO THEIR OWN LAUNDRY!

This story really belongs in a Ripley's Believe It or Not, rather than Snippets.

Morwell Falcons' coach Bob McLachlan wanted to contact New Zealand striker Billy Wright, a Falcons' player, to pass on his and the club's congratulations after the Kiwis win over the Socceroos.

Wright, if you remember had been recalled to the All-Whites by coach John Adshead and had a good game scoring the second goal that dashed the Socceroos' hopes.

McLachlan contacted hotels in Auckland, asking if the Kiwis were guests, but drew a blank at them all.

Finally, he contacted the NZ Football Association, which staggered him with the news that the players were billetted with families in Auckland!

Living in digs preparing for a World Cup elimination match... can you see any South American country treating its team like that, roaring inflation notwithstanding?

And that's not all. When McLachlan did eventually catch up with Wright he learned that not only do the Kiwis not get paid, they are expected to launder their own gear.

No wonder Adshead, who quit staight after the Israel match says: "There has to be a lot of clarification and some very positive decisions made.

"The national team never knows what it is doing."

Adshead has had a stormy relationship with the NZFA since he took the Kiwis to the World Cup finals of 1982 with Kevin Fallon as his assistant.

He resigned in the aftermath of that World Cup after differences with the NZFA and Fallon took over.

Then Fallon resigned late last year after a reign marred by constant controversy and Adshead stepped in again just before the first Oceania Group qualifier against Chinese-Taipei.

"The curtain has now closed," he said on Sunday.

"The commitment was only to the end of the Cup campaign and that has now ended, and my attitude has not changed."

New Zealand soccer is in a bad way at the moment (did you notice the sparse attendance at Mount Smart?) and reliable sources have been saying for some time that this will be the last season of the National League and that the game will go back to being regionalised next year.

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ABC TV RAISES CAULFIELD'S IRE

Caulfield City officials were furious on Saturday, despite their team's excellent performance in beating League leader Morwell Falcons.

What upset them was the NSL's switching of South Melbourne's game with Blacktown City to Saturday from Sunday, at the insistence, they believe,of the ABC.

Caulfield, and Oakleigh also when it was a State League club, has always been happy playing its home fixtures on Saturdays because it is well aware that its supporters like to watch South Melbourne the next day.

Putting on the Match of the Day at 5pm on a Saturday is a stupid decision, which not only harms attendances at VSF matches (not that that worries Sam Papasavas), but it also affects the NSL.

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

● *Joe Docherty*

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SNIPPETS

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● MELBOURNE UNDER/17 SELECT: Back Row: J. Bryant, P. Kendall-Jones, H. Karatzias, L. Cunningham, F. Didio, M. Graham, J. Spokes.
Front Row: L. Armstrong, D. Morgan, D. Strunz, S. Gibson, P. Tragakis, J. Chester, N. Rogers.

club concerned, as was amply demonstrated by the tiny attendance at Middle Park on Saturday.

"We were asked to co-operate with the NSL clubs by playing as many State League matches as possible on Saturdays," said a disgruntled Caulfield official, "but we didn't realise at the time that the ABC would use the Saturday 5pm time-slot and ruin our gates."

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ABERDEEN beckons Globe-trotting Tony Kennedy called in last week to tell us all about the Aberdeen

Youth Tournament, (the most important in Britain) that two Melbourne teams will take part in later this year.

On the way to Aberdeen, the boys will play a friendly in Dallas Texas, then spend a week training, playing friendlies and visiting Glasgow's famous grounds like Parkhead and Hampden Park.

After taking part in the tournament during the following week, the boys will travel to Aberystwyth in Wales, to take part in the Ian Rush Tournament.

Altogether they will spend three and a half weeks in Britain. Tony Kennedy tells me that one team, the Under 17's, managed by Bill Marshall is already complete, but there are some vacancies in the Under 18 squad, managed by Errol Aristodemou, and leaving on July 4.

The boys have all raised their own fair and accommodation fees and anyone wishing to join the Under 18 party should ring Errol Aristodemou on 813 2955, as soon as possible.

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HOW THE BRITS SEE OUR SOCCER

After our Snippet story of April 6 titled "Australianise or die", we thought you might be interested in a British view of Australian soccer, as seen by London's ***newest quality daily,*** *The Independent.*

THE Socceroos' campaign to get Australia to the World Cup in Italy next year has one English supporter, the national daily newspaper, The Independent.

In a commentary on the current round of World Cup qualifying matches between Israel , New Zealand and Australia in the Oceania group, the paper said the Socceroos had several battles to win.

It said despite all efforts by soccer authorities in Australia to "Australianise" the games, it remained very much "a wog game."

The Independent said Socceroos coach Frank Arok had brought the game ahead in leaps and bounds over the past six years, but his Yugoslav backgrond still made him "a wog in the terminology of many Australians."

It explained "a wog" was the tag applied to anyone of Italian, Greek or Slav origin, but not blacks, and was considerably less offensive than when used in Britain.

With most of the National Soccer League teams being based around ethnic communities in Australia, soccer chiefs had a considerable image problem if it wanted to overcome public indifference to soccer, it said.

Soccer was also plagued by the geographical distance from the football-made countries of the northern hemisphere.

Since entering their first World Cup in 1965 the Australians have played North Korea in Cambodia, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in Mozambique, South Korea in Hong Kong, Scotland in Glasgow and Israel in Tel Aviv.

"One of the reasons for this ceaseless globe-trotting is, of course, that Australia and New Zealand are a long way from anywhere, even each other as Sydney to Auckland is about as far as London to Istanbul," The Independent said.

"However, their isolation has been exploited by FIFA who have seen fit to use them as handy receptacles for the political debris of international football, hence the revelation that Israel is part of Oceania."

The paper said this had been a millstone for Australian soccer, imposing huge costs on the game which was battling to increase its following at home against rugby league, union and Australian Rules.

"If Arok and his Socceroos can overcome the tyranny of distance, and make it to the great bunfight in Italy, it will be a significant step towards taking Australian football out of the ghetto and into the limelight," The Independent said.

Littlewoods Cup a twin Clough triumph

WEMBLEY belonged to Nottingham Forest and specifically to the Clough family on Sunday.

Nigel Clough was credited with the opening and closing goals in an increasingly convincing 3-1 victory over Luton Town in the Littlewoods Cup final to give his controversial father, Brian, his first domestic trophy as manager for a decade.

The older Clough reacted with dignity and graciousness characteristic of his side. He sat calmly with arms folded as Forest congratulated themselves on the triumph and then stood up to shake the hands of each Luton Town player as they climbed the steps to collect their loser's medals.

He then trotted away towards the end filled with Forest supporters and paused momentarily to acclaim one of the biggest roars of the afternoon before walking into the silence of an uninhabited dressing-room. He left his squad to relish its lap of honour around the stadium.

Forest, whose style is as admirable as their conduct, deserved the cup, but Luton Town played its part, especially in the first half of a final full of appealing adventure. It turned on a fateful decision by its goalkeeper, who recklessly conceded a penalty in the 55th minute.

Until then Mick Harford had wandered around like a colossus, spreading fear through Forest's back four and into the mind of the unnerved Tom Wilson in particular. Luton's centre-forward, matchless in the air, was in charge of everything above ground and his colleagues regularly recognised his predictable superiority.

They became almost obsessed with it, sending over crosses at every opportunity. Forest was uneasy and, with the speedy Ray Wegerle on the prowl, Luton threatened to take the lead before it did so in the 36th minute. The source, a centre from Wilson, was as inevitable as the scorer, Harford.

Had Ricky Hill not run out of room, and had Steve Sutton not tipped over a crisp drive from Ashley Grimes, Luton's hold on the cup would have been even firmer by the interval. Yet Forest had already pulled themselves out of their initial inhibition and were beginning to reveal their undoubted quality.

It came to full fruition during a second half in which their movement, touch and variation was too strong for their opponents to control. But, after Brian Laws had cleared a half-hit shot from Harford off the line, the opening crack in Luton's resistance appeared, and it was largely self-inflicted.

Neil Webb's astute chip prompted Les Sealey to leave his goalmouth and, even though Foster might have been able to block the direct route, halted Hodge's delayed run into the area by bringing him down. Nigel Clough, with his 18th goal of the season, nervelessly converted the penalty.

Luton was the loser for the first time in the Littlewoods Cup since 1985 and was the first underdog beaten at Wembley since 1986. It was not the ideal statistic to take with it into the last few weeks of a season which could yet end with it being relegated from the First Division.

Teams.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton, B Laws, S Pearce, D Walker, T Wilson, S Hodge, N Gaynor, N Webb, N Clough, L Chapman, G Parker.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey, T Breacker, A Grimes (sub: D McDonald), D Preece, I Foster, D Beaumont, S Wegerle, B Wegerle, M Harford, R Hill, K Dixon.

Referee: B Hill (N).

ANOTHER GLOOMY WEEKEND

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spotlight turns on to the Cup.

Heidelberg's elation at its win over Adelaide City evaporated as it was comprehensively beaten by hot and cold Wollongong, despite the absence of Danny Crainie from the Woves team.

The "Bergers new coach Mirko Bleiberg before the game expressed his satisfaction that Crainie had been sent off, feeling that his absence would help Heidelberg.

Now he's quoted as saying that his target for the second half of the season is a point a game.

Given Heidelberg's record with coaches, what makes him think that he'll last the next thirteen weeks on the bottom of the League?

Despite its loss to champion Marconi in Sydney, Melbourne Croatia looks to be on the mend again, and the smile is back again on Ivan Reznjevic's face.

But there aren't many smiling faces at George Cross, which lost at home for the second time in succession, a result that had its faithful fans once again demanding the club buy players to replace John Markovski and Robert Markovac.

Sunshine George Cross travels to Adelaide tomorrow (Friday) to take on City in the Second Round of the NSL Cup.

Other second Round matches are Wollongong v APIA Leichhardt this Saturday, the big clash South Melbourne v Heidelberg on Wednesday April 19 at Olympic Park and Marconi v Sydney Olympic on a date that was still to be decided as we went to press.

NSL DETAILS ROUND THIRTEEN

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Maxwell 10th) APIA LEICHHARDT (R. Brown 43rd)
At Olympic Sportsfield, Friday. Referee D. Campbell. Cautions Vidmar (AC), Kosmina (Ap.)
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin — Melta, Santrac, Villani, Vidmar — Maxwell, Melta. Coach Zoran Matic.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano — Webber (O'Connor 65th), Radoslavlevic, Halliday, M. Brown — Mason, Bundalo, Hagan (Blagojevic 78th), Ricoy — R. Brown, Kosmina. Coach Michael Urukalo.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Edwards 70th) MELBOURNE JUST 2 (Retre 15th, Crino 43rd).
At Sydney Football Stadium, Friday. Referee W. Monteverde. Sent off Tapai (MJ). Cautions Raskopoulos (SO), Durakovic, Crino, Murphy (MJ).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier — Barrett, Spyridakos, Hooker, Koch (Haniotis 65th) — Lee, Raskopoulos, Pontidas, Edwards — Bennett (Phillips 75th), Saad. Coach Eddie Thomson.
MELBOURNE JUST: Raponi — Mitrovski (Fabrizio 60th), Karic, van Egmond, Deankovic — Kurakovic, Tapai, Kalogeros, Crino — Retre (Vladisladovic 66th), Murphy. Coach John Margarites.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Taliadoros 55th) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Arambasic 7th)
At Middle Park, Saturday. Referee A. Townsend. Cautions Reynolds, Naumov (B), Taliadoros (SM).
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Healy, Fernandes, Blair, Postecoglou — Wade, Tasios, Petersen, Tsolakis (Mori 83rd) — Taliadoros, Wright (Russell 90th). Coach Brian Garvey.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson — L Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, G. Sterrey — Odzakov (Bennett 73rd) Naumov, Maier, Arambasic (Gibson 83rd) — McKinna, van Blerk. Coach Les Scheinflug.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0, SYDNEY CROATIA 0.
At Olympic Park, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn. Caution Jones (SC).
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes — Roodhouse, Jackson, Piculovski, Jolevski (Runje HT) Zinni, Taseski, Markovski, Markovac (Petrov 74th) — Smith, Spink. Coach Andon Doncevski.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken — Savor, Hunter, Rozic, Foster — Clinch, Slater, Jones, Rumora — Arnold, Lemond (Ingham 79th). Coach Vedran Rozic.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 ST GEORGE 1 (Ilic 25th)
At Chaplin Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Alevisos, Ketsakidis, Parton, Waddell — Carter, Marth, Falkner, Hasler (Lennon 78th) — Lewis, Latif. Coach John Gardiner.
ST GEORGE: Gibson — Green, Koczka, Ratcliffe, Grbevski — O'Shea, Harper, Moffitt, Ilic — Bingley (Krslovic 67th), Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.

MARCONI 2 (Nastevski 23rd, 57th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Talajic 70th)
At Marconi Stadium, Sunday. Referee R. Marshall. Caution Calderan (Mar).
MARCONI: Catlin — Carter, Calderan, Wheatley, De Marigny — Gray, McCulloch, Gomez, (Katholos 70th), Lowe — Nastevski, Calagiuri. Coach Berti Mariani.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver — Opasinis, Selemidis, Cannell, Hannah — Milosevic, Biskic, Talajic, Adzic — Awaritefe, Kelic. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

WOLLONGONG 3 (Easthorpe 32nd, Cokely 37th, Brodnik 53rd). HEIDELBERG 0
At Brandon Park, Sunday. Referee R. Davies. Cautions Giraldi, Vlietstra, Higgs (W) Stubbins (H).
WOLLONGONG: Young, Skeen, Giraldi, Vlietstra, Hollifield — Morlando, Higgs (Batten 82nd), Cokely (Trajeski 62nd), Brodnik — Easthorpe, Danzo. Coach John Fleming.
HEIDELBERG: Chatzitrifonos — Kanesoulis (Alagozidis 66th), Scott, Ousalkas (Stevenson HT), McDowall — Stewart, Douglas, Lucchesi, Raynes — Goutzioulis, Stubbins. Coach Miron Bleiberg.

NSL GOAL SCORERS

11. Nastevski (Marc, 2p)
8. Kelic (MCr)
6. Ollerenshaw (St.G, 4p)
5. de Jong (Mar)
Latif (GX)
Spink (MJ)
4. Easthorpe (Woll)
Brown, R (AP)
Gray (Mar)
Lowe (Marc)
Markovski (PM, 1p)
Mullen (Ad C)
3. Adzic (MC)
Arnold (S.Cr)
Awaritefe (MC)
Bingley (StG)
Crino (MJ)
Dimoski (MC)
Ironside (SO)
Kosmina (Ap)
Lewis (GX)
Maxwell (AC)
Mori (SM)
Postecoglou (SM)
Soper (SO)
Trimboli (SM)
2. Arambasic (Bl)
Biskic (MC)
Brodnik (Woll)
Cokely (Woll)
Crainie (Woll)
Edwards (SO)
Hagan (Ap)
Hasler (GX)
Ilic (St.G)
Koczka (St.G)
McCulloch (Mar)
McGarry (SO)
McKinna (Bl)
Melta (AC)
Ousalkas (Heid)
Retre (MJ)
Ricoy (Ap)
Slater (SC)
Stubbins (Heid)
Talajic (MJ)
Taliadoros (SM)
Tsolakis (SM)
van Blerk (Bl)
Zinni (PM)
1. Bernal (SO)
Calderan (Mar)
Caleta (MC)
Colagiuri (Mar)
Dakos (SO)
Danzo (Woll)
Deankovic (MJ)
Denyer (Bl)
Edwards (SO)
Faulkner (GX)
Flounders (AC)
Foster (SM)
Goutzioulis (Heid)
Hunter (SC)
Ingham (SC)
Jackson (PM)
Jee (Bl)
Lazopoulos (MJ)
Lee (SO)
Milosevic (MC)
Morlando (Woll)
Murphy (MJ)
Murray (Ap)
Naumov (Bl)
Odzakov (Bl)
Palatsides (MC)
Petersen (SM)
Radoslavjevic (Ap)
Raynes (Heid)
Roodhouse (PM)
Selemides (MCr)
Skeen (W)
Sterrey, G (Bl)
Stevenson (Heid)
Stewart (Heid)
Theodosopoulos (H)
Tredinnick (Heid)
Vial (AC)
Wade (SM)

NSL LADDER

MARCONI	11	8	2	1	29	9	18
P'TON MAKEDONIA	12	5	5	2	15	10	15
ST. GEORGE	10	6	3	1	12	7	15
SYDNEY CROATIA	10	4	4	2	7	5	12
APIA LEICHHARDT	11	4	4	3	13	14	12
Wollongong	13	5	2	6	13	16	12
Sydney Olympic	13	3	5	5	14	14	11
George Cross	12	4	3	5	11	11	11
Melbourne Croatia	12	4	3	5	18	19	11
South Melbourne	10	4	2	4	16	11	10
Adelaide City	13	3	4	6	11	15	10
Melbourne JUST	12	3	3	6	12	14	9
Blacktown City	10	3	3	4	12	22	9
Heidelberg United	13	3	1	9	11	27	7

YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

CLAYTON 1 MELBOURNE CROATIA 6
MALVERN CITY 0 MELBOURNE JUST 5
CLIFTON HILL 3 CAULFIELD CITY 2

YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

George Cross	11	9	2	0	37	11	20
Preston Makedonia	11	8	0	3	45	19	16
Altona Gate	10	7	1	2	21	8	15
South Melbourne	8	6	0	2	35	10	12
Clifton Hill	10	4	2	4	19	24	10
Melb. Croatia	8	4	1	3	18	13	9
Heidelberg	10	4	1	5	15	24	9
Caulfield City	11	3	2	6	18	28	8
Melbourne JUST	8	2	2	4	10	14	6
Clayton	10	2	2	6	12	33	6
Malvern City	9	1	1	7	11	34	3
Waverley United	8	0	0	8	7	30	0

● Green Gully's Kevin Elsey is tackled by Juve's Reno Minichiello

NSL REPORTS

MARCONI KEEPS UP CRACKING PACE

MARCONI 2
(Nastevski 22nd, 57th)
MELBOURNE CROATIA
(Talajich 70th)

Defending champion Marconi and striker Zlatko Nastevski continued their runaway role of the top of the League with a classy 2-1 win over Melbourne Croatia at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Marconi has extended its lead three points over St George and Preston with another three points to Sydney Croatia, Apia Leichhardt and Wollongong.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● Zlatko Nastevski

Nastevski, who scored both goals for Marconi, is also a clear leader in the scoring list with 11 goals in 11 games, three ahead of nearest challenger Ivan Kelic of Melbourne Croatia.

Two brilliant opportunist kicks by Nastevski shattered Melbourne Croatia.

His first goal followed a great team movement in which Robert Wheatley passed to Jean Paul de Marigny whose cross was dummied by David Lowe, allowing Nastevski to rifle a first-time left-foot drive past Melbourne keeper Jeff Olver.

The 22nd minute score gave Marconi a deserved 1-0 lead after the defending champion had completely outplayed its opposition.

Melbourne Croatia came out firing in the second half until the 57th minute, when Marconi defender Steve Calderan intercepted in his own half, pushed the pass to Vince Colagiuri whose chip found an unmarked Nastevski in the far corner for an easy second goal.

Although Croatia fought valiantly and scored through Mark Talajic in the 70th minute the team never looked capable of upsetting the free-flowing and faster Sydney side.

Marconi cleverly exploited the wings with sudden switches of play, finding plenty of space for the speedy Lowe and overlapping backs de Marigny and Paul Carter.

Croatia keeper Jeff Olver brought off a series of good saves while Marconi's Robert Catlin became more involved in the second half as the Melbourne team tried to break through.

Marconi should have wrapped up the game in the final 10 minutes but shots by Ian Gray and Carter were saved while Nastevski and Peter Katholos went wide from close range.

Valuable point for Blacktown

SOUTH MELB 1
(Taliadoros 55th)
BLACKTOWN 1
(Arambasic 7th)

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● Zlatko Arambasic

Blacktown survived enormous pressure including an early penalty, to draw 1-1 with South Melbourne in their match at Middle Park on Saturday.

South Melbourne dominated midfield play due to the good work of Socceroos Paul Wade and Mike Petersen, but Blacktown had chances to win in counter attacks.

One of Blacktown's best chances was created by Zlatko Arambasic with a pass into the penalty area in the 77th minute, but his fellow forward Lawrie McKKinna missed from two metres, under pressure from Steve Blair.

Arambasic had shot Blacktown into the lead after only seven inutes when he crashed through the South Melbourne defence inside the penalty area.

South Melbourne was awarded a penalty when Bobby Naumov handled a shot from Kimon Taliadoros but goalkeeper Steve Watson saved Angie Postecoglou's shot.

Taliadoros continued to have the better of his marker, Kurt Reynolds, without having any luck in front of goal.

Much of the credit for Blacktown's hard-fought result goes to sweeper Glen Sterry who had an excellent game in defence.

In the second half, although holding sway in midfield, South Melbourne found it more and more difficult to get past the defender.

The break through came for South Melbourne in the 57th minute when Wright collected the ball inside the area and played it off to his left for Taliadoros to side foot a shot past keeper Watson for the equaliser.

The crowd cheered again when Steve Tassios, running onto a through ball from Petersen, shot into the net. However the offside flag was up.

Blacktown replaced former international Zarko Odzakov with Peter Bennett with 15 minutes to go, in a move designed to consolidate the result.

The point was crucial for Blacktown in its struggle against relegation, as Melbourne JUST, which also is near the bottom beat Sydney Olympic 2-1.

GOALIES CONTROL MATCH

PRESTON
MAKEDONIA 0
SYDNEY CROATIA
SYDNEY
CROATIA 0

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● Tony Franken

Brilliant goalkeeping displays from Philip Traianedes and Tony Franken resulted in a scoreless draw between Sydney Croatia and Preston at Olympic Park.

Each team's forwards were held in check by strong defence work for omst of the game. When they did break free their shots were off-target and the respective goalkeepers were unbeatable.

Preston's Traianedes made a brilliant one-handed save to keep out a header from forward Mark Jones following a free kick from Robbie Slater in the 53rd minute, and 20 minutes later fended off a shot from Manis Lamond, who let loose from inside the penalty area.

With 10 minutes to go Warren Spink had a chance for Preston but Franken flew to the top corner to intercept the pass and punch the ball clear.

City fails to hold early lead

AD CITY 1
(Maxwell 10th)
MARCONI 2
(R. Brown 43rd)

ADELAIDE City eased its relegation tears with a fighting 1-1 draw with Apia Leichhardt at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The draw brought City's points tally to 10 from 13 games but Melbourne JUST downed Sydney Olympic 2-1 in Sydney to make City's survival task tougher in future weeks.

JUST has nine points after its success and a game in hand to compound City's problems.

City could not be faulted on the score of effort but it did not have the resilience to finish on top of an equally determined Apia.

City snared a deserved lead in the 10th minute through burly striker Steve Maxwell but flame-haired Rod Brown notched the leveller for Apia two minutes before half-time.

Expatriate South Australian John Kosmina spurred Apia into action in the opening minute when he found Rod Brown inside the box but City goalkeeper Robert Zabica saved the drive.

That was to be the visitors' last serious scoring attempt for 25 minutes, when it forced a corner kick.

In between those Apia sorties City took command as it demonstrated that the spirit was willing, while the flesh was certainly not weak.

With its midfield motormen Aurelio Vidmar, Adrian Santrac, Sergio Melta and Charley Villani firing on all cylinders, City took Apia to the cleaners with a punchy, purposeful display of powerful football.

Unfortunately City could not sustain the efforts during the second 45 minutes and ended the match with the sound of its supporters' booing ringing in its ears as the players filed off the field.

City fired off its first success signal in the eighth minute when Santrac unleashed a piledriver which Tony Pezzano saved.

The rivetting drive followed a marvellous passage of quick-fire passing by City that had the fans roaring their approval.

A minute later Steve Maxwell delivered a great ball to Melta whose attempt was charged down for a corner.

Then, only 60 seconds later, City was deservedly in front when Maxwell stabbed home from close range off a Villani header from a Santrac corner.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● Sergio Melta

Vidmar then chipped over the Apia crossbar and four minutes later supplied the pass for his captain, who boomed off target.

City relaxed its grip close to half-time and it was no surprise when Rod Brown gathered a cross by Alex Bundalo to cleverly lob the equaliser over Zabica's head. That goal was a major setback for City but from the start of the second half it was obvious that city was not about to surrender meekly.

City's men rallied in feverish support of each other and continued to chase and harass the opposition.

A Villani shot was delivered in the 51st minute as a sequel to a series of fine passes by City.

Dogged Apia stayed in the race but it was restricted in its scoring opportunities.

A push-and-shove episode near the grandstand touch-line between Apia striker Kosmina and City midfielder Vidmar

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CAULFIELD v MORWELL FALCONS

- BELOW: Kenny Drakeford ducks out of the way of Jeff Doyle's challenge.
- TOP RIGHT: Dave Reynolds (obscured) punches the ball off Nick Deligiannis' head.

CROYDON v MARIBYRNONG

- BELOW: Rab Nelson clears with Gusto
- RIGHT: Nick van Egmond shows his pace to Ricky Lipiarski

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DETAILS ROUND SIX

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (De Amicis 35th, Della Rocca 53rd) GREEN GULLY 1 (McLelland 90th)
At Olympic Park, Saturday. Referee C. Bambridge.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets — Marley, Coady, Della Rocca, Belic — Lane, De Amicis, Giaccherini, Minichiello (Triulcio 57th) — Egan, Klepac (inj. Glockner 9th). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
GREEN GULLY: Sant — Napoli, McMillan, Cutler, McLelland — Chetcuti, Wilson, Pender, Sweeney (Hogben 57th) — Farquharson, Elsey. Coach Willie Vassallo.
Ansett best player award: Pender (GG) 3, Della Rocca (J) 2, Marley (J) 1.

CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Deligiannis 70th) MORWELL FALCONS 0
At Princes Park, Saturday. Referee J. Rutter

CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer — Bitsonis, Theoharous, Fattore, Kountouris — Filipou, Drakeford, Aretis (Hamakiotis 83rd), Deligiannis — Pappas, Zolotarev. Coach Jim Condilis.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds — Bingham, Bruns, Walsh, Byrne — Doyle, O'Donnell (Sokoluk 65th), Cassar, Basara — Warszawski, McBride. Coach Bob McLachlan.
Ansett best player award: Fattore (C) 3, Cassar (MF) 2, Filipou (C) 1.

NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Patiniotis 74th, Thodis 78th) RINGWOOD CITY 0
At John Cain Reserve. Saturday. Referee R. Simonis.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia — Bekiaris, Palmaricciotti, Harris, Kouremenis — Woodall, Patiniotis, Panagopoulos, Tsangas — Carroll (Thodis 70th), Lazengas. Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley — Wemyss, Nolan, Cummings, Verniers — Morks, Muir, Phillips (Wall 70th), Corvan — Cocker, Davie (Kennedy 70th). Coach Hans Petersen.
Ansett best player award: Harris (N) 3, Corvan (R) 2, Woodall (N) 1.

ST ALBANS 1 (Gagula 55th) ALTONA GATE 1 (Markovski 70th)
At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee E. Venios. Caution Culina (St.A)

ST ALBANS: Grgic — Babic, Kuzman, Bozic, Dragovic — Simovic, Gagula, Kupresak, Dezic (Culina 75th) — Morovic, Pondeljak. Coach Branko Culina.
ALTONA GATE: Lee — Ilioski, Markovski, Byrne, Momirovski — Nicoski (inj. Micevski 10th), Davies, Aslimovski, Georgievski — McMullen, Ristovski (Tortevski 55th). Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award: Kupresak (St.A) 3, Byrne (A) 2, Georgievski (A) 1.

BULLEEN 1 (Curulli 30th) THOMASTOWN 2 (Dougherty 20th, Cristaldo 40th). At Veneto Club, Sunday. Referee J. Fraser.

BULLEEN: Contini — Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Trogrlic — Milosevic (Sella 75th), Bozikas (Avian 75th), Livingstone, Ruccia — Incantalupo, Lujic. Coach Tony Vrzina.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski — Mihalidis, Hennessy, Higgins, Mihos — Ragusa (Di Martino 70th), Athersych, Dougherty, Cristaldo — McMillan, McGuinness (Carfora 80th). Coach Frank McAleer.
Ansett best player award: Dougherty (T) 3, Athersych (T) 2, Incantalupo (B) 1.

FRANKSTON PINES 0 BOX HILL 0
At Monterey Park, Sunday. Referee J. Fokianos. Caution Thom

BOX HILL: McKinlay — McLeod, Cooper, Dan, B. Thomas — Hanley, McArthur, McPhee, Alexander — Egan, Kennedy (Ham 75th).
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies — Watson, Drinoczy, Ross (inj. Lipscombe 60th), Weir — Bothwell, Dick, Miller, McDonagh — Redekie, Stirton. Coach Danny McMinimee.
Ansett best player award: Ross (FP 3, Alexander (BH) 2, Cooper (BH) 1.

CROYDON CITY 4 (Humble 19th, 53rd, Brimmer 32nd, o.g. 70th MARIBYRNONG 0. At Town Park, Sunday. Referee J. Hogg.

CROYDON CITY: M. Runje — Langsbury, Dobson (Quigley 80th), McIntosh, Brack — Brown, van Egmond, Roodhouse, Brimmer (Runje 78th) — Humble, Scott. Coach Ian Dobson.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio — Lipiarski, Innes, Farrugia (Acevski 70th), Roksandic — Blicharz (Baran HT), Lakic, Czapnik, Nelson — Bonk, De Bono. Coach Jim McIntyre.
Ansett best player award: Humble (C) 3, Van Egmond (C) 2, Nelson (M) 1.

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 FAWKNER 0
At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee D. Voutsinas. Sent off Patricca (F) Caution Reilly, Whyte, Findlay (S).

SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian — Rolleman, Reilly, Bissinger, Whyte (Keenan 75th) — Findlay (Bryden 76th), Adams, Fourna, Webster — Verechia, Livingstone. Coach Gus McLeod.
FAWKNER: Barba — Beattie, Schipano, O'Dell, Cosentino — Patricca, Sabatino, Tuffield, Campbell — Hanna, Stenson. Coach John Colangele.
Ansett best player award: Stenson (F) 3, Adams (S) 2, Barba (F) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

MORWELL FALCONS	6	4	1	1	9	4	9
JUVENTUS	6	4	2	0	12	3	10
ALTONA GATE	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
CROYDON CITY	6	3	2	1	9	3	8
Caulfield City	6	4	0	2	11	8	8
Northcote City	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
St. Albans	6	2	2	2	5	4	6
Fawkner	6	2	2	2	4	6	6
Bulleen	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Box Hill	6	1	3	2	6	8	5
Thomastown	6	2	1	3	5	7	5
Green Gully	6	2	0	4	6	9	4
Ringwood City	6	1	2	3	5	8	4
Maribyrnong	6	1	2	3	3	9	4
Frankston Pines	6	1	2	3	6	13	4
Springvale City	6	0	2	4	2	6	2

RESERVES LADDER

Altona Gate	6	5	1	0	13	4	11
St Albans	6	4	1	1	14	6	9
Caulfield City	6	4	1	1	12	7	9
Juventus	6	2	3	1	14	8	7
Fawkner	6	3	1	2	8	7	7
Ringwood City	6	3	1	2	10	11	7
Green Gully	6	2	2	2	15	11	6
Bulleen	6	2	2	2	9	7	6
Thomastown	5	2	2	1	6	6	6
Frankston Pines	6	3	0	3	11	13	6
Box Hill	6	2	1	3	7	12	5
Morwell Falcons	6	2	0	4	12	12	4
Maribyrnong	6	1	1	4	8	12	3
Croydon City	6	1	1	4	7	14	3
Springvale City	6	1	1	4	4	13	3
Northcote City	5	1	0	4	7	14	2

RESERVES RESULTS

Caulfield 3 Morwell 1
St. Albans 0 Altona 1
Northcote 0 Ringwood 2
Juventus 3 G. Gully 3
Frankston Pines 6 Box Hill 3
Croydon 3 Maribyrnong 2
Springvale 0 Fawkner 0
Bulleen 2 Thomastown 3

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Leading goalscorers

● *Andy Humble ...scored for Croydon.*

4. Basara (MF)
McMullen (Alt)
Woodall (North)

3. Egan (Juve)
Gagula (St.A)
Humble (Croy)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Sokoluk (MF)

2.
Bonk (Mar)
Bozikas (Bull)
Brimmer (Croy)
Byrne (MF)
Campbell (BH)
Davie (Ring)
Deligiannis (Caul)
Drakeford (Caul)
Emmanuele (Fawk)
Filipou (Caul)
Farquharson (G.G)
Herd (Juve)
Lujic (Bull)
Markovski (Alt)
Morovic (St.A)
Pappas (Caul)
Patterson (Juve)
Stirton (FP)
Tsangas (North)

1. Aretis (Caul)
Aslimovski (Alt)
Athersych (Thom)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Carfora (Thom)
Cummings (Ring)
Curulli (Bull)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Davies (Alt)
De Amicis (Juve)
Della Rocca (Juve)
Dick (FP)
Findlay (Spr)
Glockner (Juve)
Ham (BH)
Hanna (Fawk)
Harris (North)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Kebarkovski (Alt)
Kennedy (Ring)
Kouremenos (North)
Klepac (Juve)
McAleer (B.H)
McArthur (B.H)
McDonagh (FP)
McIntosh (Croy)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Minichiello (Juve)
Nelson (Mar)
Patiniotis (North)
Pender (GG)
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van Egmond (Croy)

6. Athersych (Thom)
Brian (S'Vale)
Cooper (BH)
Czapnik (Mar)
Harris (North)
Herd (Juve)
Lujic (Bull)
McMullen (Alt
Miller (FP)
Minichiello (Juve)

5. Brown (Croy)
Corvan (Ring)
Nelson (MF)
Sokoluk (MF)
Stenson (Fawk)
Woodall (North)

4. Bonk (Mar)
Byrne (MF)
Caesar (MF)
Contini (Bull)
Culina (St.A)
McKinlay (BH)

3. Belic (Juve)
Campbell (BH)
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Dougherty (Thom)
Egan (Juve)
Fattore (Caul)
Illioski (Alt)
Innes (Mar)
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May (Ring)
Mihos (Thom)
O'Dell (Fawk)
Patiniotis (North)
Patricca (Fawk)
Reynolds (M.F)
Ross (FP)
Watson (Pines)

2. Adams (S'vale)
Alexander (BH)
Aslimovski (Alt)
Bell (S'vale)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Blackley (Ring)
Bozic (St.A)
Brimeer (Croy)
Carroll (North)
Cocker (Ring)
Colina (St.A)
Davie (Ring)
Della Rocca (Juve)
Dragovic (St.A)
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Incantalupo (Bull)
Madjer (Caul)
Marley (Juve)
Pappas (Caul)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Scott (Croy)
Tuffield (Fawk)
Walsh (MF)

STATE LEAGUE TITLE WIDE OPEN

Morwell Falcons' defeat at the hands of Caulfield City leaves Juventus as the only unbeaten team in the State League, but that doesn't mean to say that Juventus is about to run away with the title.

Falcons' coach Bob McLachlan wasn't too unhappy after his game, point out quite fairly that his team missed Billy Wright who was doing his bit against Israel (and an effective bit it was too), plus the suspended Jimmy Nelson.

The game between Caulfield and Falcons was an absolute cracker, and it was a pity that the ABC's Big Match telecast reduced the attendance as it undoubtedly did.

A number of NSL identities are becoming upset at the way the ABC seems to be able to manipulate the NSL into bringing matches forward to Saturday, and the matter could be aired at the Executive meeting this weekend before the Israel game.

The matter concerns State League clubs vitally, because until the time-slot for the Big Match is altered to a later time, all VSF Saturday matches will be affected.

★★★★★★★★★★

"KISS OF DEATH" JAMES!

My editor tells me that they are calling me "kiss of death" now at Caulfield, after I tipped Falcons to win that encounter.

"Please tell Mr Brian James to tip us to lose this week at Ringwood," they begged Les Shorrock.

Sorry, lads, I don't think I'll be doing that, but even if I tip Caulfield to win, I'll have that slight twinge of unease, remembering how Ringwood ran riot one bleak day at Princes Park when Peter Cocker scored four goals.

Still I can console myself with the thought that this season's Ringwood outfit isn't playing as well as last year's. . . yet.

Maybe they are late developers out Ringwood way.

● *Darren Scott*

DOBSON RE-MODELLING CROYDON

Croydon City moved into the four at the expanse of Caulfield City by virtue of a big win over Maribyrnong on Sunday.

Andy Humble, whose career has had some setbacks in the past led the Croydon attack well, and was unlucky not to get more than the two goals that counted.

Under Ian Dobson, Croydon is gradually shedding its dour defensive image, and it's a great pity that the local Council can't see its way clear to help the club to move to its new ground.

Croydon officials say that the new pitch is like a bowling green, which is especially galling because the present pitch must be one of the worst in the Eastern suburbs.

Ian Dobson is singing the praises of newly arrived midfielder Darren Scott who gave Andy Humble good support on Sunday.

If Croydon continues to click as it did against Maribyrnong, it could be a threat for the title.

It takes on Falcons at Morwell in what has to be the match of the round on Saturday, a game worth going the distance to see.

★★★★★★★★★★

ALTONA GATE SET TO CHALLENGE

Altona Gate hasn't found itself out of its depth since its elevation to the State League, in fact it has made as good a start as it could ever have imagined.

Coach Bill Murray has a wellbalanced team with the evergreen Zoran Ilioski Tom Markovski and Darren Byrne very solid at the back and some nippy front-runners who are averaging almost two goals a game.

The game at Paisley Reserve on Saturday against Northcote City could develop into quite a tussle.

Northcote is settling down after a shaky start, and with a team that contains such experienced players as Paul Harris, Martin Woodall and Arthur Patiniotis, won't be out of the reckoning by the end of the season.

★★★★★★★★★★

THOMASTOWN ON THE MEND

Another club that had an unexpectedly poor start to the season is Thomastown, now coached by the astute Frank McAleer.

But holding Juventus to a draw and then beating Bulleen away from home last week would seem to indicate that McAleer is getting things right now.

He isn't afraid to experiment, either.

Last week he turned back the clock a few years and played George McMillan up front!

George relished it too, and McAleer said it reminded of the days when McMillan and Gary Ward used to lead the Preston attack.

Is this the start of new career for George?

★★★★★★★★★★

BRANKO SEES RED OVER YELLOW CARD

St Albans coach Branko Culina was a far from happy man after his team's 1-1 draw with Altona Gate last Saturday.

He got a yellow card ten minutes before he went on the ground as a substitute, *after an altercation with a linesman.*

Culina, and to be fair, several spectators thought that Tom Markovski handled the ball before he knocked in 'Gate's equaliser, and also that the ball hadn't crossed the line.

The '85 Rothmans Medal winner admits he shouldn't have let his frustrations get the better of him, but as he says, that's what coaching does for you.

It was uncharacteristic, and I for one can't even recall Culina ever being booked before.

★★★★★★★★★★

MARIBYRNONG COACH McINTYRE QUITS

Jim McIntyre became the first coaching casualty of this State league season when he quit the Maribyrnong job on Tuesday, citing committee interference as his reason.

"I'm not going to let any player tell me when he is or isn't going to play," says McIntyre.

"Amalgamating with

By BRIAN JAMES

● *George McMillan*

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E'don	2	V	N'wad	1
W'gte	1	V	Knox	3
D'nong	0	V	Albion	2
W.Subs	0	V	W'bee	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
B'mead	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
W'bee	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Albion	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
E'don	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
S'ham	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
M'bark	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Dove'n	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Oakl'h	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Mord	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
N'wad	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
W'gte	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
W.Subs	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
D'nong	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

RESERVES

M'bark	2	V	Dove'n	0
Oakl'h	4	V	B'mead	4
S'ham	1	V	Mord	2
E'don	1	V	N'wad	3
W'gte	1	V	Knox	3
D'nong	0	V	Albion	0
W.Subs	2	V	W'bee	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Knox	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
B'mead	2	1	1	0	8	4	3
Mord	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
Albion	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
N'wad	2	1	0	1	7	6	2
Oakl'h	2	0	2	0	7	7	2
S'ham	2	1	0	1	6	6	2
Dove'n	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
W.Subs	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
D'nong	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
E'don	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
W'gte	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
W'bee	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

WE APOLOGISE

A computer malfunction prevented the VSF from supplying us with the Amateur details this week

VIC. 2

FIRSTS

R'mond	1	V	N.Geel	2
Y'ville	1	V	Coburg	1
R'wood	0	V	Don Rv	0
Keilor	2	V	Pt Mel	1
Wav.C	1	V	B'ton	1
Geel	3	V	C'ton H	0
H'berg	1	V	S'bury	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geel	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Don Rv	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
N.Geel	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Coburg	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Pt Mel	2	1	0	1	7	4	2
R'mond	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
C'ton H	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Wav.C	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
S'bury	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
Keilor	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
Y'ville	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
B'ton	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
R'wood	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
H'berg	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

RESERVES

R'mond	1	V	N.Geel	5
Y'ville	4	V	Coburg	1
R'wood	2	V	Don Rv	0
Keilor	3	V	Pt Mel	2
Wav.C	1	V	B'ton	2
Geel	2	V	C'ton H	3
H'berg	4	V	S'bury	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Geel	2	2	0	0	9	3	4
H'berg	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
C'ton H	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
B'ton	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Don Rv	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Pt Mel	2	1	0	1	6	4	2
R'mond	2	1	0	1	6	7	2
Keilor	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
R'wood	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Y'ville	2	1	0	1	4	6	2
Geel	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Wav.C	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
S'bury	2	0	0	2	5	9	0
Coburg	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

VIC. 3

FIRSTS

C/Geel	1	V	S'ford	0
M'ton	0	V	H'thon	0
Elt/D.V	3	V	C'inda	1
Holl Pk	2	V	M'bin	1
S'vale	1	V	Bell Pk	3
C'sea	3	V	Y'ourn	0
Altona	2	V	Lalor	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Holl Pk	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Elt/d.V	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Lalor	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
C/geel	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Altona	2	1	0	1	6	5	2
C'sea	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
M'ton	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
S'ford	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
M'bin	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
S'vale	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
H'thon	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
C'inda	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Y'ourn	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

RESERVES

C/Geel	0	V	S'ford	5
M'ton	0	V	H'thorn	1
Elt/D.V	4	V	C'inda	3
Holl Pk	2	V	M'bin	1
S'vale	4	V	Bell Pk	2
C'sea	1	V	Y'ourn	0
Altona	1	V	Lalor	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	2	2	0	0	7	4	4
Holl Pk	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Altona	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
H'thorn	2	1	1	0	4	0	3
S'ford	2	1	0	1	7	3	2
C'inda	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Bell Pk	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
M'bin	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Lalor	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Elt/d.V	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
C'sea	2	1	0	1	1	3	2
Y'ourn	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
M'ton	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
C/geel	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

VIC. 4

FIRSTS

Cl'ton	3	V	FTGully	0
K'ingal	2	V	R'anna	2
W'town	0	V	P'vale	0
Keysbro	1	V	L'warr	1
Regent	0	V	Bent	0
Boronia	0	V	Brun/Iv	5
More.Pk	2	V	Hamlyn	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
Brun/iv	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
K'ingal	2	1	1	0	6	2	3
Bent	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Hamlyn	2	1	0	1	8	7	2
R'anna	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Keysbro	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
L'warr	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
W'town	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Regent	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
More.Pk	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
Ftgully	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
P'vale	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Boronia	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

RESERVES

Cl'ton	3	V	FTGully	2
K'ingal	2	V	R'anna	1
W'town	1	V	P'vale	0
Keysbro	1	V	L'warr	1
Regent	2	V	Bent	1
Boronia	2	V	Brun/Iv	2
More.Pk	0	V	Hamlyn	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hamlyn	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
K'ingal	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Regent	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
L'warr	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Cl'ton	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
More.Pk	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Brun/iv	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Bent	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Keysbro	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
W'town	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Ftgully	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Boronia	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
P'vale	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
R'anna	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

PROV. 1

FIRSTS

Berwick	2	V	Prahran	3
W Vale	0	V	Melton	2
B'wick	3	V	S Yarra	2
N.Sun	2	V	W Mead	1
E Geel	0	V	S'vale	1
Malvern	2	V	Oak.Sub	3
Wav'ly	2	V	Mossf'	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
Melton	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
S'vale	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
N.Sun	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
B'wick	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Berwick	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Mossf'	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Oak.Sub	2	1	0	1	5	6	2
S Yarra	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
W Mead	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
W Vale	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Wav'ly	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
E Geel	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
Malvern	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

RESERVES

Berwick	0	V	Prahran	2
W Vale	2	V	Melton	3
B'wick	3	V	S Yarra	3
N.Sun	2	V	W Mead	2
E Geel	1	V	S'vale	2
Malvern	3	V	Oak.Sub	2
Wav'ly	0	V	Mossf'	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mossf'	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
Prahran	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Melton	2	2	0	0	9	3	4
Malvern	2	2	0	0	5	3	4
N.Sun	2	1	1	0	7	2	3
W Mead	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
S Yarra	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
S'vale	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
B'wick	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
W Vale	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Oak.Sub	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
E Geel	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
Wav'ly	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
Berwick	2	0	0	2	0	8	0

PROV. 2

FIRSTS

Uni Melb	0	V	F'kston	0
Port Un	0	V	Ascot	1
Br'tons	3	V	Ball't	0
Glenroy	1	V	Altona Eas	2
F.Hill	3	V	Monash	0
Cranb'n	3	V	S Dandy	1
S S'vale	4	V	Lalor	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.Hill	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Cranb'n	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Altona	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
S S'val	2	1	1	0	5	1	3
Ascot	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Br'tons	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
S Dandy	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Uni Mel	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Ball't	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
F'kston	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Lalor	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Port Un	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Glenroy	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Monash	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

RESERVES

Uni Melb	2	V	F'kston	0
Port Un	1	V	Ascot	2
Br'tons	0	V	Ball't	5
Glenroy	4	V	Altona Eas	6
F.Hill	0	V	Monash	4
Cranb'n	0	V	S Dandy	0
S S'vale	0	V	Lalor	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor	2	2	0	0	12	1	4
Ball't	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Altona	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
Ascot	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
S Dandy	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Monash	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
F'kston	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Uni Mel	2	1	0	1	3	7	2
Cranb'n	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Glenroy	2	0	0	2	5	10	0
Port Un	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
F.Hill	2	0	0	2	1	9	0
Br'tons	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
S S'val	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

PROV. 3

FIRSTS

W'tirna	1	V	Mitcham	2
Altona	1	V	Brandon	3
Lyndale	2	V	Batman	1
Carrum	1	V	Med.Pk.	2
R'dale	0	V	Monbulk	0
Ringw'd	1	V	Kew	2
Fitzroy	3	V	Nth Clayto	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Kew	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Lyndale	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Mitcham	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
Brandon	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Monbulk	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Fitzroy	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
W'tirna	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Med.Pk.	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
R'dale	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Batman	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Altona	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Nth Cla	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Carrum	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Ringw'd	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

RESERVES

W'tirna	2	V	Mitcham	0
Altona	2	V	Brandon	4
Lyndale	3	V	Batman	0
Carrum	5	V	Med.Pk.	3
R'dale	1	V	Monbulk	2
Ringw'd	2	V	Kew	3
Fitzroy	0	V	N.Clayton	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brandon	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
Lyndale	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
N.Clayt	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Kew	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
W'tirna	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Ringw'd	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
R'dale	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Carrum	2	1	0	1	7	8	2
Batman	2	1	0	1	6	7	2
Monbulk	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Mitcham	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Altona	2	0	0	2	6	10	0
Med.Pk.	2	0	0	2	6	10	0
Fitzroy	2	0	0	2	0	11	0

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HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

State League

CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Deliqiannis) MORWELL FALCONS 0

Morwell Falcons crashed badly against Caulfield to drop from the top of the table after it's first defeat of the season.

Morwell failed to take advantage of early chances when Caulfield's defence kept splitting that allowed Greg Warzsawski and Darko Basara to sneak through but unable to find the net.

Warszawski's shot just shaved the outside of the left post after beating Robert Madger and Basara's shot was a trifle too high and rebounded from the crossbar. Joe O'Donnell was playing his first game for the La Trobe Valley Club and acquitted himself quite well, but faded in the second half probably due to lack of match fitness.

Caesar Fattore was performing very well and *Caulfield's defence would have been sadly lacking if* it hadn't been for the big fellow getting in some well-positioned clearances.

Angie Filippou was having a field day on the left wing and was able to make heaps of open space for the entire match.

The Falcons' midfield appeared to be missing Jim Nelson, suspended for a couple of weeks, and didn't have the aggressiveness and hunger for the ball.

Effie Cassar, who had played a great first half, was given the yellow card early in the second and it was nip and tuck for quite some time, but things changed after O'Donnell was replaced by John Sokoluk who had been benchwarming probably due to an impending transfer to Melbourne JUST.

Only two minutes after the change had been made, Con Pappas took the ball through on the wing and after a tackle from Jeff Doyle managed to retain possession and centred nicely for Deligiannis who ran onto the ball and slammed it past Reynolds. Basara was able to sneak through and get another shot in but it went well over the top.

Andy Theoharous was yellow carded for dragging Warszawski to the ground late in the game and in the last minute Sokoluk almost equalised getting his head solidly behind a loose ball in the air but it was cleared off the line by Filippou.

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CROYDON 4 MARIBYRNONG 0

Maribyrnong 2-1 winner ove rCaulfield in the previous week, was no match for hard-running, skillful Croydon, which took the game up to Maribyrnong from the kick-off.

Croydon was two goals up by the 30 minute mark, from a hard drive by Andy Humble who received a long throw in from Darren Scott and the second by Steve Brimmer who tentatiously won the ball after Andy Humble had his drive rebound from the crossbar and Brimmer ran through with teh ball to through with the ball to score.

The second half saw Croydon go three up when Humble headed in powerfully from a Darren Scott cross, and it looked as if Croydon's goal difference was going to improve dramatically.

But some spirited defence and midfield play by Maribyrnong and excellent goal keeping by D'Antonio stemmed the tide but Maribyrnong was unable to break through the solid Croydon defense and score.

Goran Runje and Darren Scott forced Maribyrnong's defense to give away an own goal to bring up Croydon's forth and final addition to the score line, but the last 10 minutes was all Croydon and Humble was denied a hat trick when the ball hit the upright.

Next Saturday Croydon travels to the La Trobe Valley in what should be an interesting and absorbing game against the Falcons which will enable a consolation in the top four by one of the two teams.

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Victorian League Division One

MOOROOLBARK 1 DOVETON 0

Mooroolbark played host to local rival Doveton at Aster Park on Saturday in front of a good crowd of very enthurisastic very enthusiastic supporters.

The crowd was not disappointed with the display of good clean soccer by both teams.

The Barkers were the better side for most of the game but it wasn't for a great display by both goalkeepers the result might have been different.

Les Long for the Barkers made some fine saves and so did Billy Whiteside for Doveton.

The Barkers tested Whiteside early in the first half when Mick Turner put in a great cross which was met by the head of John Nyholt which the keeper just tipped over the bar. The Barkers piled on the pressure but again were not able to convert good chances.

Robbie Evans in midfield was his usual hard-working best which kept the forward line of Greg House and company very busy.

Garry Burton had Whiteside at full stretch to save with a great header. Doveton forwards Auld and Thurlow were constantly worrying the Barkers defence but they stuck to their task well and kept them from scoring.

The first half ended with the Barkers on top in a good game well controlled by referee Colin Ellis but still no score by either side.

A very determined Barkers side began the second half by piling on the pressure.

Greg House was having a great game and his good runs down the wing were a constant threat to Doveton's defence. It always looked only a matter of time before the Barkers chance would come. This it did in one magic moment when Nyholt latched on to a ball 35 metres out.

He turned, steadied and fired a shot that beat everybody, including the Doveton keeper for a great goal. This was the goal the Barkers needed badly and they were unlucky not to go further ahead through Steve Reid and House.

TOM SCANLON

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DIVISION TWO

WAVERLEY CITY 1 PRAHRAN/BRIGH BRIGHTON 1

Waverley: D. Bradley, P. Strahan, P. Storey, C. Tsapatolis, A. Perree, A. Wilson, T. Grimwade, C. Whyte, R. Parkin, G. Radcliffe, M. Budd.

Prahran: S. Loxford, R. Conway, W. McMillan, J. Tansey, D. Atkein, J. Reed, B. Smith, B. Serrie, P. Campbell, J. Patterson, A. Dominco, R. Luton, J. Mercer.

Both teams came out looking for a win and there was no shortage of incidents in both goal mouths, with defenders giving away numerous free kicks and from one of these Prahran/Brighton went ahead in the fourteenth minute.

The free kick looked to be covered by goalkeeper Bradley until it took a diversion off Alec Wilson and left the goalkeeper flat footed as it went into the net.

Waverley as usual did not panic but the experience of players like Tansey and McMillian at the back kept them at bay.

Both Strahan and Perree were overlapping well on the flanks but Waverley could not find a way through for the equaliser.

Up front for Prahran, Patterson was causing the Waverley defence a lot of bother but was not getting support from his fellow forwards.

Halftime came and went but it was a more determined Waverley which came out in the second half and with 15 minutes of the game left found itself on level terms.

Again it was a free kick on the edge of the penalty area and with the goalkeeper still lining up his wall a quick-thinking Gary Radcliffee charged the ball over them and into the net to make it 1-1.

Gary Radcliffee nearly became Waverley's hero when he pounded a shot onto the inside of the crossbar but it bounced out to safety and then found space oly to see goalkeeper Loxford make a good save.

Even after this it could have gone either way and Prahran's Smith found himself with an open goal but managed to put the ball the wrong side of the post.

So Waverley got its second draw in as many games and Prahran its first point of the season, but there is a long way to to.

ERIC RICHARDSON

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Division Three

ELTHAM-DIAMOND VALLEY 3 CLARINDA 1

Eltham-Diamond Valley: Hamilton, Atkins, Ferla, Giacomi, Love, Milenkovic, Briggs, Coyle, Tucker, Kelly (Ritter 60m), Hodgson (Kerr 75m)

Clarinda: Christoforidis, Kardoulias, Pseufodikowomou, Kostoglou, Papalazarou, Olgrinis, Kosiaris, Koutsikos, Tsakiris, Nitsikas, Apostolopoulos.

The home side literally stole the points in this game. Valley had the better of the early exchanges, and went ahead when Brian Coyle picked up a through ball from Noel Kelly and slipped it into the net, in the 23rd minute.

That was Valley's contribution to the first half. Paul Ferla, who had the horrors, gave away a silly penalty in the 35th minute but Hamilton brilliantly saved Tsakiris' shot.

The equaliser came from that player after 41 minutes, when the visitors ran right through the middle of the park, unchallenged and Tsakiris had no trouble rounding Hamilton to score.

The visitors continued to dominate and it was only some brilliant work by Hamilton that kept Valley in the game.

Richie Ritter came on for Noel Kelly and almost immediately broke clear on the right to cross for Sasha Milenkovic to give Valley an undeserved lead.

the homeside began to play better and Brian Coyle capped a fine performance with his second goal three minutes from time, which sealed the game.

Coach Alan Kerr's comment after the game was "there's hope when you play as badly as that and win 3-1."

G KIRKWOOD

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A CHAMPION IS A CHAMPION IS A .....

DALLAS United, Windsor, Tottenham and Flemington Floridia all used the opening round to show that the hunger for success which brought them division championship honors in 1988 remains unsated.

While an opening-round win is not enough to guarantee them a 1989 championship.

It certainly gave them the opportunity to warn all opponents that they have still to be reckoned with.

Windsor was in devastating form against Division One Afternoon newcomers springvale Eagles. Although the Eagles had put together a far stronger combination than any they fielded last year, they were powerless against the Windsor juggernaut, and went down 5-2 in a match that was full of class. Although soundly beaten on the day, the Eagles were far from disgraced and should win more matches than they lose.

Tottenham Two, Division Three West, champions last year, showed its promotion to Division Two, was well earned. Its away performance against Cretan Athletic was awesome as it blasted seven goals past the home side's defence, while keeping its own goal intact. Once gain this was possibly a match where the final score did not do the losers justice.

The Cretans certainly lacked a competent goalkeeper, a deficiency which cost them at least three goals on the day. It was a baptism of fire for the newcomers, but given the depth of their resources we have little doubt that they will bounce back from this inauspicious beginning.

Dallas United headed Division Three East last year and look like repeating the treatment in 1989. Garden City, which was expected to do well, received a merciless drubbin. On this form, the question must again be who can stop Dallas? Perhaps the Seventh Fleet. . .?

Flemington Floridia walked away with the Division Four championship last year, and celebrated its Division Two Afternoon debut with a sound 3-0 win over Keysborough Blue Danube.

the only reigning champion to bite the dust was MiddlePark, which lost 2-1 away to Northcote United. Despite this unhappy start to the season, we woul dbe amazed if the Parkers, with their wealth of tradition and talent, are not up with the leaders by season's end.

Thrashings of the day were the 14-2 win by Laminex over a cruelly undermanned Kew Deaf, with Peter Vougaris (4) and Pascal Hadjipascalis (3) leading the slaughter, and Elwood United Reserves' 17-1 demolition of Dandenong United Reserves, Branko Buljevic, making his debut in the League, netted six.

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Despite an overcast morning, there was some sparkling soccer, played at the A.W. Bond Reserve, where Altona Ilinden was at home to Apollo United.

This was a comparatively fierce competitive game but played in excellent spirit, giving referee Mr Ivanovic lots of running to do but no hassles.

Altona Ilinden opened the scoring at the 10th minute, when Tony Todorovski floated a long ball goalwards which was completely misjudged by the Apollo goalie.

Stung by this setback, Apollo launched an all-out attack but was caught on the break-away at the 15th minute with Petko Jovanceski nipping through to slot in Ilinden's second. Within the minute, Apollo struck back, with Michael Stefanakis latching on to an excellently weighted cross. Apollo maintained the pressure, going forward time after time and forcing desperate saves from the Ilinden keeper.

Trouble struck for Apollo again in another Ilinden break-away move at the 33rd minute. Jovancevski ran on to a long pass and, while the Apollo defence stopped for the off-side whistle which never came, coolly rounded the keeper to knock in his second goal and Ilinden's third.

Apollo was entitled to feel hard done by when it went to the half-time break 3-1 down as, on the balance of play, it probably deserved to be on at least even terms.

Apollo was again into attack from the beginning of the second half, but could reapno reward for all that endeavor, as it was again Ilinden who made the most of its limited possession when Lazo Lazarevski put the issue beyond doubt at the 60th minute. So ended an excellent game which was marred only by an accidental collision, resulting in Blagoja Petkovski being rushed to hospital with suspected broken ribs.

the match of the day was undoubtedly the titanic struggle between Division 1A contenders Thomastown United and Hampton Park United. This was a see-saw battle played at blinding pace, and not resolved until the 87th minute.

Thomastown leapt into the lead at the 10th minute through Haran Ikiz. Hampton Park fought bac minutes late r when a speculative shot was deflected into his own net by a Thomastown defender. At the 25th minute, Joe Vitales gathered the ball for Thomastown, carried it just beyond the half-way line and, with no support in sight, positively hammered it goalward.

To the amazement of all, including the Hampton Park goalkeeper, the ball dipped at the last minute and whipped into the back of the net.

At the 44th minute, Wayne Brown put Hampton Park back on level terms. At the 50th minute, Hakan Unver restored Thomastown's lead. At the 60th, Hampton Park drew level through Paul Tront. The remainder of the match was a nail-biting affair, with each side striving to gain the advantage. The issue was finally settled at the 87th minute when John Cullen's opportunist shot eluded the grasp of a despairing Thomastown keeper.

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It is probably fair to say that Hampton Park owes its extra point to the fact that its team was better prepared than Thomastown's, which tired quite noticeably over the final 10 minutes.

Belying poor pre-season form, Melbourne Rumania bounced back against a superconfident Rowville United, and notched up a comfortable home win four goals to two.

For the winners, goals were scored by Ioan Jurcut, whost hat-trick was made up of two goals in the first half and one in the second, and Stoicovici, while, for Rowville, Zoran Bradonjic netted once in each half. The true test of Melbourne Rumania's renaissance may come this week when they travel to Hampton Park for what should be an absolute blinder.

Melbourne Rumania, already the biggest Rumanian association in the South Pacific, is looking to a bright future. Plans are in hand for acquiring its own land on which to construct a major community and sporting facility.

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REFEREES This is a tribute to a special thank-you to the whistlemen.

As you know, the League has increased dramatically is sized this year, resulting in the need for many more referees, who seem to be an endangered species. We have made an active recruting drive over the last few weeks, which has brought a pleasing increase in Industrial League Branch membership.

But, accident, illness and family crises left us seven men short for the opening round.

On Friday and Saturday nights a great deal of time was spent rearranging the appointments of the referees who were left available. We are delighted to say that, without exception, our referees took these last minute changes in their stride.

In addition, I rang several men who had never heard of me before, but every one of whom agreed to help out as their circumstances permitted. While not all of them could start for the first round, enough of them did to leave only two venues uncovered. Fortunately, the clubs concerned had been advised beforehand that no referee would be available, and had sufficient maturity to make their own arrangements to ensure that their matches were played.

The sincere gratitude of the league is extended to all the referees, and to the clubs concerned.

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ALCOHOL Clubs are reminded that there is a total prohibition on taking alcohol to another club's ground.

Many of our clubs enjoy the use of school facilities, and in many cases a condition of such use is that alcohol shall not be consumed on school premises.

You are expected to respect this prohibition, and not put the home team in jeopardy. This requirement is being policed by Management Committee members on their visits to various venues, and any detected breaches may resul tin severe disciplinary action against offending clubs.

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PRE-SEASON REGISTRATIONS As usual, total chaos reigned in the lst two weeks with a flood of last-minute registrations.

Matters were not improved when ID cards mailed out to clubs were delayed in the mail, and had not been received by Friday.

As a result, many clubs were required to make several trips into the office and some experienced quite long delays.

Thank you for your patience. (But next year, please get them in six weeks earlier!)

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DIVISION FOUR

CLAYTON 3
FERNTREE GULLY 0

Clayton: R. Mezzardra, V. Pansino, F. Pansino, P. Smith, M. Broxham, J. D'Angelo, J. Ki Iorio, M. Wells, C. Riccioni, R. Martino, T. Palleschi.
Ferntree Gully: R. Wright, D. Lee, E. Dempsey, D. Lamers, T. mandel, M. Steenbergen, A. Brown, P. Doe Doupopolis, P. Nieuwenhuizen, A. Khourly, S. Curtis.

Ferntree Gully started strongly but with the return of Captain Martin Broxham and the Pansino Brothers, at the back, held off the Gully's attacks.

Wells and Martino were creating chances for Riccioni and Palleschi up front and Clayton slowly began to take control of the game.

At the 35 minute mark, after a good run from mid field, Wells was taken down just outside the 18 metre mark and the referee had no hesitation in showing the red card reducing Ferntree Gully to 10 men.

At half time Clayton was 2-0 up from a penalty by D'Angelo and a well taken goal by Martino set up by Palleschi.

The second half saw Clayton Relax slightly which allowed Ferntree Gully back into the game. But this was short lived as Clayton moved into second gear. Ten minutes before the end, from another good run by Palleschi, the third goal was scored.

Best: Clayton — F. Pasino, R. Martino, V. Pansino. Ferntree Gully — D. Lamers, T. Mandel, A. Brown.

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GEELONG teams had six wins out of seven in the second round of Victorian and Provisional League matches.

In Division Two, North Geelong travelled to Richmond to win 2-1.

New signing, Cveto Rastocic from St Albans made North's first goal with a cross which the keeper punched weakly away, only for Danny Ward to score with an overhead scissors-kick. Richmond equalised 20 minutes into the second half with a 25 metre daisy-cutter, but Ward and Rastocic combined again, and the latter hammerd home an equally good drive a minute later.

Geelong continued its devastating form with a 3-0 home win over Clifton Hill. There was no score in the first half, but straight from the kick-off in the second, Clifton Hill played the ball back into defence. Darren Tuck kept running to surprise the sweeper and put Geelong ahead. Donny Smyth got the second after Craig Plummer hit the bar and Tuck and David Fleming are still arguing about who got the third. Tuck's far post header was going across goal but Fleming dived into make sure.

In Division Three, Springvale United led Bell Park 1-0 after 2. Seci skinned Sam McNeilage and crossed for A. Velevski to drive the ball against the keeper and convert the rebound. David Huddart gave Bell Park players a good rousing at half-time and Steve Scerri equalised from a Tommy Cumming free kick. Cumming's corner was back headed by Mick Oppermann into Lino Mazza's path and his drive spun out of keeper Kasimis's grasp and over the line. Tasevski of Springvale was sent off for dissent and Park's David Mills came on as substitute. He made his presence felt with a long low drive which the keeper could only parry and Oppermann made it three.

Hamlyn Rangers had a fine 5-2 away win at Moreland Park Rangers, while Corio-Geelong United's Slobodan Bosevski scored the winner at home against Seaford United. This was a very open even game, with both sides creating and missing good opportunities.

In the Provisional League, East Geelong did tighten its defence against Springvale Condors but was the only team to go down. It lost by the only goal of the game.

Sixteen-hear-old Tony Bozinovski came closest to equalising with a shot which came back off the post.

Brintons disposed of Ballarat 3-0. Ashley McIntyre thumped home a 35 metre volley and Paul Mahoney's shot from closer range took a deflection for the second. Neil Gardiner made it three with a diving header.

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Provisional League Division Two

MELBOURNE UNI. 0
FRANKSTON UTD 0

UNI: Morgan, Guthrie, Hall, Kennedy, Tan, Tulip, Symons, Houston, Gill, Brown, Cullum, Hunter, Jovanovski, Chea, Gipperich.
Frankston: Traynor, Doolan, La Casa, Cliffe, Mead, Parrott, Gooch, Skledar, Sambell, Botha, Murdock, Andrews, Sorrentino, Sonn, Boyce.

The match was played on a a dreadful pitch that was extremely wet and in bad need of a cut in places, which could have negated either sides attempts to play good soccer.

However, both teams put in a good, solid performance but only in patches.

The game drifted from one end to the other as each team put together spells of good football.

Melbourne Uni was particularly fast on the break away with Symons constantly beating players on the wing and cutting inside where Gill and Brown were always waiting.

Frankston's defence held solid plus Traynor in goal did his usual fine job when he was called on.

Both a Murdock and Sambell of Frankston tried hard all day but rarely got the better of the Uni defence, with Kennedy having a fine game. There was one inspired spell in the second half where Frankston had five corners

CROYDON CITY 1989

● *Back Row: Michael Antolos (President), Ian Dobson (Coach), Darren Scott, Dave McIntosh, Paul Langsbury, Greg Brack, Gordon Runje, Colin Quigley, John Hannigan (Team Manager). Front Row: Andy Humble, Mark Brown, Nick van Egmond, Steve Brimmer, Alan Roodhouse, Mirko Runje.*

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in six minutes but was beaten by the post and on-the-line saves from attempts by Mead and Cliffe.

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STATE LEAGUE

BRUNSWICK 2 (De Amicis, Della Rocca) GREEN GULLY 1 (McLelland) Juventus defeated Green Gully 2-1 at Olympic Park last Saturday.

Despite the fact that Juventus maintains its unbeaten record and still leads the State League ladder, it seems to lack that certain spark or flair that championship teams are made of.

Green Gully on the other hand finds itself in unfamiliar territory in the bottom half of the table.

The drab affair between two former NSL clubs was watched by only a handful of spectators and both teams struggled to stamp their authority on the match.

However, it was the home side which scored first in the 35th minute.

Charlie Egan made a bursting run through the middle of the park and pushed the ball wide for team-mate, Pat Giaccherini to cross into the box.

Juventus' attacking left-back, Fausto De Amicis, was on hand to put the ball away off the post and past Gully 'keeper, Charlie Sant.

In the 53rd minute Juve increased its lead with a goal that proved to be the winner.

A free-kick on the right was taken by substitute Steve Glockner.

The dangerous inswinger was pounced on by an Egan header, causing problems for Sant.

Sant blocked Egan's effort but was helpless in denying Paul Della Rocca from scoring only a metre out.

For the remaining period of the game Green Gully fought its way back after Juve allowed a casual approach to creep into its play.

Green Gully was rewarded with its determination on the stroke of full-time, when a Kevin Elsey cross from the left created mass confusion in the box.

Gully's Steve McLelland punished the Black & White's with a powerful shot which curled into the net.

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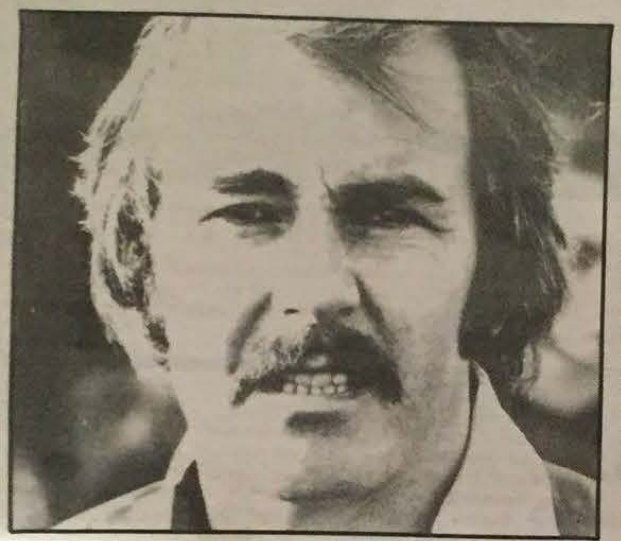

● Jim McIntyre

Provisional League Division Two

CRANBOURNE 3 SOUTH DANDENONG 1

Home: (O'Callaghan 18min, Wallace 30min.)

Visitors: (Jusic-pen. 73min.)

Home: J. Vesco, M. Hili, C. Hoskins, G. Tutill, R. Milligan, J. Giles, R. Wotherspoon, G. Cameron, F. Vesco, I. Wallace, S. O'Callaghan.

Visitors: R. Memishi, E. Simsek, A. Dogan, K. Craven (R. Lumani-55min.), M. Jusic, J. Elmazovski, C. Yilmaz, Y. Gonullu, S. Elmazovski, H. Sepetci, S. Yildirim.

Cranbourne took a firm grip on proceedings from the start and seldom looked like relinquishing their overhwelming command of the game, reducing their opposition to a mere nuisance value to be swept aside at will.

By comparison, South Dandenong, with a few exceptions, gave an inept display of unimaginative and unco-ordinative soccer and also lacking the commitment necessary to put any pressure on this high-flying Cranbourne team.

Goalkeeper Memishi, took the ball on his body but couldn't prevent O'Callaghan opening the scoring for the home side in the 18th minute. The referee appeared to be ready to whistle for a foul on S. Elmazovski, changed his mind and an alert Wallace swept through an almost immobile defence putting a hard shot past Memishi's right hand to register Cranbourne's second goal on the half-hour mark.

A Tutill hand ball gave South a second half penalty and Jusic's goal gave the visiting supporters their brief and only vocal cause to celebrate. A minute later Cranbourne put the scoreline in just perspective when Vesco found the net with a fine twenty-five metre shot. In the closing minutes a quick break by the visitors gave left winger, Sepetci, an easy chance to collect a second for this team but it was indicative of South's performance as a whole that the usually cool Sepetci slammed the ball against the upright when a simple placed shot would have sufficed. A game that should do wonders for the Cranbourne moral and one that the Dandenong team will wish to forget as quickly as possible.

A.J. HITCHMAN

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Ardeer was both good and bad news for the club.

"On the one hand, the amalgamation has enabled the club to raise more money, but that has gone towards paying off debts, and there has been no move to get the extra players that are so desperately needed.

"Also, the people who have raised the money want it to be spent on Polish players, not on State League standard players.

"The Polish players just want to do whatever suits them.

"The captain, for instance only trains once a week, but Rab Nelson, who lives in Ringwood trains twice a week, but then he's dedicated.

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This week's fixtures, with possible winners in capitals.

SATURDAY. **MORWELL FALCONS** v Croydon City at North Crinigan Reserve, Altona Gate v Northcote City (draw) at Paisley Reserve, **THOMASTOWN** v Box Hill at Partridge Reserve.

SUNDAY: **JUVENTUS** v Maribyrnong at Olympic Park, Green Gully v Bulleen (draw) at Gully Reserve, Fawkner v **ST ALBANS** at Smith Reserve, Ringwood City v Caulfield City (draw) at Jubilee Park, **SPRINGVALE CITY** v Frankston Pines at Ross Reserve.

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resulted in referee Donald Campbell issuing yellow cards to both players.

Vidmar intervened on behalf of City's Red Star recruit Milan Ivanovich, who he believed was on the wrong end of some aggressive treatment by the former Socceroo captain.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

English div 1: Arsenal 2 Everton 0; Coventry 2 Norwich 1; Liverpool 5 Sheffield Wednesday 1; Middlesbrough 3 Southampton 3; Millwall 0 Manchester United 0; Newcastle 1 Aston Villa 2; Queen's Park Rangers 4 Wimbledon 3; West Ham 1 Derby 1 Postponed: Luton v Charlton Nottingham Forest v Tottenham

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Arsenal	28	9	5	61	32	63
Liverpool	27	9	5	53	23	60
Norwich	26	8	8	43	35	56
Nott's For	23	12	6	46	34	51
Millwall	14	9	9	43	35	51
Coventry	13	10	10	41	34	49
Tottenham	13	11	10	51	43	47
Wimbledon	13	7	11	42	38	46
Derby	13	7	11	33	29	46
Manch Utd	11	12	10	38	24	45
Everton	12	11	10	40	39	41
QPR	10	10	12	35	33	40
Aston Villa	9	10	14	39	48	37
Q Field West	9	10	14	33	46	37
W brough	8	10	14	38	53	34
Charlton	7	12	12	35	45	33
S Hampton	7	12	12	45	53	33
Luton	7	9	16	31	47	30
Newcastle	7	8	17	30	53	29
West Ham	5	8	16	23	48	23

Div 2: Barnsley 1 Shrewsbury 0; Birmingham 1 Brighton 2; Blackburn 0 Leicester 2; Bournemouth 0 Watford 1; Bradford 3 Walsall 1; Crystal Palace 2 Oldham 0; Ipswich 1 Hull 1; Manchester City 2 Swindon 1; Oxford 3 Stoke 2; Portsmouth 2 Sunderland 0; West Brom Arsenal 2 Chelsea 3

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chelsea	25	11	4	65	43	86
Manch City	22	10	8	67	40	76
Blackburn	18	11	11	63	54	65
W Brom	16	16	8	58	38	64
Crys Pal	17	10	10	57	44	61
Watford	17	10	11	55	43	61
Swindon	17	10	10	54	47	58
Ipswich	17	8	17	59	58	57
B'mouth	17	8	16	48	59	57
Leeds	14	14	11	51	43	56
Barnsley	14	13	11	54	47	55
Stoke	14	13	11	49	55	55
P'mouth	13	12	15	49	49	51
Q'land	13	11	15	45	51	50
Oxford	13	11	16	56	53	50
Leicester	12	14	13	47	52	50
Brighton	14	7	19	54	58	49
Bradford	11	15	14	44	50	48
Oldham	10	16	14	64	64	46
Plymouth	12	9	17	46	56	45
Hull	11	11	17	49	59	44
Sbury	7	14	18	32	58	35
Walsall	4	14	21	34	65	26
Birmingham	5	10	24	25	66	25

Div 3: Aldershot 4 Bury 1; Blackpool 2 Reading 4; Bolton 3 Notts County 3; Bristol City 0 Southend 0; Fulham 2 Chesterfield 1; Huddersfield 2 Mansfield 0; Northampton 0 Chester 2; Port Vale 2 Gillingham 1; Sheffield United 3 Preston 1; Swindon 1 Bristol Rovers 2; Wolverhampton 2 Brentford 0; Friday: Wigan 1 Cardiff 0

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
W Hamlet	23	9	8	82	39	78
Port Vale	20	13	8	69	42	70
Sheff Utd	21	8	9	77	41	69
Bristol Rov	18	11	7	61	37	65
Fulham	19	6	14	61	51	63
Preston	15	13	12	59	55	60
Chester	15	10	15	57	52	55
Swansea	15	12	12	46	42	57
N'field	15	10	15	55	53	55
Bury	15	10	15	53	55	55
North City	14	12	13	51	47	54
Reading	14	11	14	60	57	53
Brentford	14	10	12	53	47	52
Bristol City	14	9	15	41	47	51
Mansfield	12	14	12	42	44	50
Bolton	12	13	13	48	54	49
N'hampt	11	12	15	37	47	45
Cardiff	11	12	13	38	49	45
Southend	11	12	13	48	64	45
C'field	12	7	15	49	54	43
Blackpool	9	13	13	42	50	40
W'ham	9	13	13	43	52	40
Aldershot	7	12	15	44	69	33
Gillingham	9	6	21	37	70	31

Div 4: Crewe 1 Scarborough 1; Doncaster 0 Lincoln 1; Grimsby 1 Burnley 0; Hartlepool 2 Colchester 1; Hereford 1 Darlington 1; Peterborough 3 Torquay 1; Rochdale 2 Cambridge 1; Wrexham 0 Leyton Orient 1; York 3 Exeter 1 Friday: Halifax 1 Rotherham 1; Stockport 1 Carlisle 1; Tranmere 2 Scunthorpe 1.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tranmere	19	14	7	54	36	71
R'ham	19	13	8	64	33	70
S'thorpe	19	12	9	59	51	69
Crewe	19	12	8	53	38	69
S'borough	17	14	8	58	43	65
Ley Ori	18	10	12	75	44	64
Wrexham	15	13	10	60	55	58
Cambridge	16	10	13	62	55	58
Lincoln	16	8	16	59	55	56
Exeter	16	8	16	58	60	56
Rochdale	15	9	15	58	62	54
Grimsby	13	13	13	51	50	52
York	14	10	14	51	53	52
Darlington	13	12	14	54	54	51
Stockport	10	19	11	48	45	49
Hereford	12	13	14	55	58	49
Burnley	12	12	15	43	48	48
Doncaster	13	8	19	44	65	47
Halifax	13	7	19	62	63	46
Rochdale	12	8	19	48	72	44
Hartlepool	12	7	20	40	67	43
P'borough	10	11	18	42	61	41
D'lington	9	10	17	43	64	33
C'chester	7	11	20	43	70	32

Scottish premier div: Dundee United 2 Dundee 1; Hamilton 2 Celtic 0; Hibernian 1 Aberdeen 2; Rangers 1 Motherwell 0; St Mirren 1 Hearts 1

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Rangers	23	4	3	52	22	49
Aberdeen	16	12	3	48	24	44
Dund Utd	15	10	6	41	21	40
Celtic	18	2	11	60	41	38
Hibernian	11	8	12	31	32	30
St Mirren	11	7	13	38	45	29
Hearts	8	11	12	32	38	27
Dundee	7	9	15	28	42	23
M'well	8	7	16	27	40	23

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Div 1: Ayr 2 Clydebank 4; Clyde 1 Forfar 1; Dunfermline 1 Arbroath 1; Falkirk 3 Raith 0; Meadowbank 1 Kilmarnock 2; Queen of the South 1 Morton 1; St Johnstone 1 Partick 1.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
D'fermline	19	8	7	54	33	46
Falkirk	19	7	8	58	30	45
A'bro	18	10	6	59	33	44
Clydebank	18	10	8	67	46	40
St Johns	14	11	9	49	35	39
Morton	14	9	11	41	42	37
Forfar	9	15	10	45	45	33
Raith	12	9	13	41	47	33
Partick	11	9	14	48	51	31
K'marnock	9	13	12	38	42	31
M'bank	10	9	15	36	44	29
Ayr	10	8	16	49	67	28
Clyde	6	15	13	32	46	27
Q of the Sth	2	8	24	34	80	12

Note: Queen of the South two points deducted.

Div 2: Albion 2 Cowdenbeath 1; Alloa 4 Stirling 0; Arbroath 2 Stenhousemuir 1; Dumbarton 0 Berwick 4; East Fife 1 Stranraer 0; Montrose 2 East Stirling 1; Queen's Park 1 Brechin 2.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albion	19	6	7	59	42	44
Brechin	13	13	8	64	44	39
Alloa	14	10	10	57	43	38
East Fife	13	11	10	51	47	37
Stirling	13	11	10	52	50	37
Q's Pk	10	16	8	44	39	36
Montrose	14	8	12	45	43	36
Arbroath	11	12	11	50	51	34
C'beath	11	9	14	44	49	31
Stranraer	11	9	14	53	57	31
Stenhousemuir	11	7	16	47	59	29
Berwick	9	11	14	49	53	29
D'barton	9	10	15	39	50	28
E Stirl	9	9	16	38	53	27

Note: Cowdenbeath two points deducted.

Northern Irish Cup semi-final: Linfield 1 Ballymena 1.

ROUND ONE DETAILS

DIVISION ONE
Morning
(Reserves in Brackets)

Altona Ilinden 4 Apollo United 1 (3-4)
ANZ Bank 2 Montrose 1 (2-0)
Austin Airlines 1 Footscray United 4 (1-1)
Fibremakers Utd 0 Highpoint 3 (0-5)
Northcote Utd 2 Middle Park 1 (0-7)

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE RESULTS

DIVISION ONE
Afternoon

Flamingo 2 Coomoora Spiders 1 (6-1)
Glenroy Doxa Utd 3 Youth United 2 (1-1)
Melb Rumania 4 Rowville United 2 (1-4)
Thomastown Utd 3 Hampton Park Utd 4 (2-1)
Windsor 5 S'vale Eagles 2 (1-1)

DIVISION TWO
Mixed

Cretan Athletic 0 Tottenham 7 (4-2)
Leros United 3 Middle East 6 (3-0)
Harambee 5 Swinburn 3 (2-1)
Nth X St. Helena 4 Melbourne Pumas 0 (0-6)
Oakleigh City 3 S.B. Spurs 3 (10-1)

DIVISION TWO
Afternoon

Bayside A.T.A. 5 C.S.U.V. 1 (1-0)
Nth Dng Sparrows 4 Oak. City Bays 1 (2-3)
Elwood United 2 Dand United 1 (17-1)
Fiem Florida 3 Kbro Blue Danube 0 (1-5)
Berwick United 1 Nthn Timorese 2 (W-0)

DIVISION THREE
East

BOwater 4 Preston Tram 0
Essendon Tramway 4 Westall P.I.P.A. 3
Garden city 0 Dallas United 6
Keeley Kings 3 Taxation United 3
Laminex 14 Kew Deal 2

DIVISION THREE
West

Alt Nth Tarxien 4 Sunbury 0
Altona Heights 1 St. Albans Dynamo 3
K. Park Heights 5 Nipponsendo 2
Keilor Old Boys 1 Ardeer 2
St Alb Wanderers 2 Whittlesea 1

DIVISION FOUR

Alex the Great 2 Dingley Utd 2
Embassy Taxis 1 Endeavour Utd 2
Epping Thistle W. Ford Falcons 0
Salesian O.B. 3 Sunshine Utd 3
Sunshine M'donia 4 Eltham/D. Valley 2

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STATE LEAGUE
Saturday
MORWELL FALCONS v CROYDON CITY ...
ALTONA GATE v NORTHCOTE CITY.....
THOMASTOWN v BOX HILL .....
Sunday
JUVENTUS v MARIBYRNONG.....
GREEN GULLY v BULLEEN.....
FAWKNER v ST ALBANS.....
RINGWOOD CITY v CAULFIELD CITY....
SPRINGVALE CITY v FTON PINES.....

VICTORIAN LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Saturday
NUNAWADING CITY v DANDENONG....
DOVETON v WESTERN SUBURBS.....
MOOROOLBARK v WESTGATE .....
Sunday
ALBION v KNOX CITY .....
MORDIALLOC v ESSENDON CITY.....
B'MEADOWS CITY v SANDRINGHAM ...
WERRIBEE v OAKLEIGH .....

DIVISION TWO
Saturday
CLIFTON HILL v BRIGHTON.....
PORT MELBOURNE v GEELONG.....
DONCASTER ROVERS v KEILOR.....
COBURG v RINGWOOD UNITED .....
SUNBURY UNITED v YARRAVILLE .....
NORTH GEELONG v HEIDELBERG CITY...
RICHMOND v WAVERLEY CITY .....

DIVISION THREE
Saturday
YALLOURNE v BELL PARK .....
MOORABBIN CITY v CHELSEA .....
CLARINDA v HOLAND PARK .....
HAWTHORN v ELTHAM.....
LALOR UNITED v MORNINGTON .....
SEAFORD UNITED v ALTONA CITY ....
CORIO/GEELONG v S'VALE UNTED.....

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday
E. BRUNSWICK v BENTLEIGH.....
LANGWARRIN v BORONIA.....
PASCO VALE v KEYSBOROUGH .....
ROSANNA v WILLIAMSTOWN .....
HAMLYN RANGERS v KARINGAL UTD ...
FERNTREE GULLY v MORELAND P.R.....
CLAYTON v REGENT .....

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Saturday
OAKLEIGH SUBURBS v S'VALE COND....
WESTMEADOWS v MALVERN CITY ....
SOUTH YARRA v NTH SUNSHINE.....
MELTON v BRUNSWICK CITY .....
MOSSFIEL RANGERS v WEST VALE ...
PRAHRAN v WAVERLEY UNITED.....
BERWICK CITY v EAST GEELONG.....

DIVISION TWO
Saturday
SOUTH DANDENONG v MONASH UNI....
ALTONA EAST v CRANBOURNE.....
BALLARAT v GLENROY .....
ASCOT ST MARKS v BRINTONS .....
LALOR v PORT UNITED.....
FRANKSTON UTD v STH SPRINGVALE ...
UNI of MELB v FOREST HILL .....

DIVISION THREE
Saturday
KEW EAGLES v MONBULK .....
MEADOW PARK v RINGWOOD ROVERS
BATMAN UNITED v CARRUM UNITED ...
BRANDON PARK v LYNDALE UNITED....
NORTH CLAYTON v ALTONA UNITED...
MITCHAM UNITED v FITZROY CITY....
WANTIRNA v RIVERSDALE .....

AMATEUR LEAGUE
ROUND THREE
DIVISION ONE
Sunday
LATROBE UNI. v E. RICHMOND.....
OAKLEIGH UNITED v BALWYN CITY ...
KEILOR UNITED v NORTHERN UTD....
BYE v WAVERLEY WANDERERS .....
C'WOOD CITY v PHILLIP INSTITUTE ...
HAWTHORN UTD v DIGGERS REST....

DIVISION TWO
Sunday
YARRA UNITED v OLD SCOTCH.....
CONCORDE v MELBOURNE UNI .....
MACCABI v ENDEAVOUR HILLS .....
FURLAN UNITED v UPFIELD .....
R.M.I.T. v DIAMOND VALLEY.....
CAMBERWELL GRAMMER v INTERCITY (home) .....

INDUSTRIAL & AMATEUR LEAGUE
ROUND TWO
DIVISION ONE
APPOLLO UNITED v ANZ BANK .....
FOOTSCRAY UTD v FIBREMAKERS UTD
HIGHPOINT v NORTHCOTE UTD .....
MIDDLE PARK v ALTONA ILIDEN.....
MONTROSE v AUST AIRLINES.....

DIVISION ONE
Afternoon
COOMOORA SPIDERS v T'TOWN UTD ...
HAMPTON PARK UTD v MELB. RUMANIA
ROWVILLE UNITED v WINDSOR .....
S'VALE EAGLES v GLENROY DOXA UTD.
YOUTH UTD. v FLAMINGO.....

DIVISION TWO MIXED
Morning Games
S.B. SPURS v LEROS UTD .....
TOTTENHAM v OAKLEIGH CITY .....
SWINBURNE v CRETAN ATHLETIC....
Afternoon Games
MELBOURNE PUMAS v HARAMBEE...
MIDDLE EAST v N. CROSS ST. HELENA

DIVISION TWO
Afternoon
NTHN TIMORESE v ELWOOD UNITED ...
OAK. CITY BAYS v BERWICK UNITED....
K'BRO BLUE DANUBE v BAYSIDE ATA ...
DANDENONG UTD v FTON FLORIDA...
CSUV v NTHN DNG SPARROWS.....

DIVISION THREE
East
KEW DEAF v KEELEY KINGS
PRESTON TRAMWAYS v GARDEN CTY...
WESTALL P.I.P.A. v LAMINEX .....
DALLAS UTD v ESSENDON TRAMWAY...
TAXATION UTD v BOWATER .....

DIVISION THREE
East
KEW DEAF v KEELEY KINGS
PRESTON TRAMWAYS v GARDEN CTY .
WESTALL P.I.P.A. v LAMINEX.....
DALLAS UTD v ESSENDON TRAMWAY .
TAXATION UTD v BOWATER .....

DIVISION THREE
West
ARDEER v
ALTONA HEIGHTS .....
NIPPONDENSO v
ST. ALBANS WAND .
ST. ALBANS DYNAMO v
K. PARK HTS.
SUNBURY v
KEILOR OLD BOYS.....
WHITTLESEA v
ALT NTH TARXIEN....

DIVISION FOUR
DINGLEY UNITED v
SALESIAN O.B. ..
ELTHAM/D. VALL v
EMBASSY TAXIS. .
ENDEAVOUR UTD v
EPPING THISTLE. .
FORD FALCONS v
ALEX THE GREAT...
S'SHINE UTD v
S'SHINE M'DONIA....

OVERSEAS NEWS

Arsenal ignores Red threat

LONDON: Arsenal manager George Graham pledged to ignore Liverpool's charge for the English League title after regaining top spot from the defending champion on Saturday.

"There's nothing we can do about Liverpool," he said after his side's 2-0 home win over Everton.

"They just keep going on and on and on. We've just got to keep thinking about our game.

"It was an important win for us today, but we can play better. We stuttered a little bit in the first half, but we seemed to get to grips with it in the second half and to sort it out."

Liverpool had temporarily displaced the London club when it hammered Sheffield Wednesday 5-1 at Anfield in an early kick-off.

Two goals from Peter Beardsley and one each from Steve McMahon, Ray Houghton and John Barnes secured Liverpool its eighth successive League triumph, with Dean Barrick's score only being a consolation effort for Wednesday.

But by the end of the afternoon Arsenal was occupying the position it has held since December 31.

Full-back Lee Dixon nudged the Gunners ahead after only four minutes with his first goal for the club and Eire striker Niall Quinn, playing his first game of the season in place of the injured Alan Smith, secured the points in the 57th minute.

Arsenal is now three points ahead of Liverpool but the Anfield side has a game in hand and a better goal difference.

Norwich's hopes of closing the gap faltered at Coventry, where it went down 2-1, the team's third defeat on the trot.

Leading scorer Robert Fleck put Norwich ahead in the 13th minute, but Wales midfielder Dave Phillips levelled and Scotland striker David Speedie netted the winner in the 57th minute.

Goalkeeper Bryan Gunn added to Norwich's misery by getting sent off for arguing with the referee when Coventry was awarded a late penalty. The drama continued when Brian Kilcline put the spot-kick wide.

At the other end of the table West Ham's relegation fears increased as it was held 1-1 at home by Derby.

There was no decisive result either in the relegation clash between Middlesbrough and Southampton at Ayresome Park, Boro rallying from 3-1 down to snatch a draw.

Two Neil Ruddock goals and one from Rod Wallace seemed to put the Saints on the road to victory after Gary Hamilton's early score, but Bernie Slaven and Mark Burke rescued the home side, the equaliser arriving two minutes from time.

The other relegation battle ended in a 2-1 win for Aston Villa over Newcastle.

The division's two remaining games were a real contrast. Millwall and Manchester United battling out a goalless bore at the Den, while Queen's Park Rangers won 4-3 in a thriller with Wimbledon at Loftus Road.

In the second division Chelsea strode to the verge of promotion with its eighth League win on the trot, a 3-2 success at fourth-placed West Bromwich extending the London club's unbeaten run to 27 games.

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Results for Week Seven

AUTUMN SEASON

National League: Rookies 18 d Overtimers 6; Eburny 11 d Tripoli Utd 8.

Victorian League: The Louts 11 dr. Blues Bros 11; Vid. Busters 9 d Holt FC Away 7; Shmocks 20 d Keyser BB 9; Gunga Royds 11 d AFP Sports 1.

Buffalo League: MCT 13 d Hellenics 10; Muff Utd 10 d Gold Medal 9; Greek Barbs 17 d Flamengo 9.

Industrial League: Grasshoppers 17 d M. Martyrs 13; Jonses 8 d. Fujitsu 6; Gigolos 15 d B. Breakers 8; "P" 8 d. Monkeys 0; Stones 13 d. Italian Roos 8.

Youth League: Mara Zico 14 d. Euro Boys 13, Rumours 7 d Mack Six 4; UN 10 d Dregs 6; Red Devils 11 d 6 Ligaments 10.

Super League: Untouchables 7 d. Fibrebirds 6; Revivalists 8 d. Slammers 0; Sharks 10 d Jets 6.

Provisional League: Angils 13 dr Ceder 13; Leb. Guys 27 d B. Bananas 7.

CannonLeague: Apollo Sharks 8 d Lautaros 6; Crushers 9 dr Cadillacs 9; Boys 9 d SAB 8; Unknowns 7 d Awesome Seven 4; MGV8 d Casanovas 0.

State League: Vigilante Force 8 d. Foundation 0; Demo Squad 14 d C. Cruisers 7.

Metropolitan League: The Originals 17 d. Bruns. Rams 7; Patouza Boys 20 d Cockroaches 2; Dimaggio 20 d EC Re-Utd 6.

Junior League A: Arsenal Jnr. 9 d Hellas H 8; W. Germany 10 d. Olympians 7; Lebo Jnr. 11 d Penarol Juve 7; Maras Mates 17 d PSU Jnr. 8

Junior League B: Pontians 13 d Magnum Force 8; Strike Force 22 d Doxa Flyers 2; Falcons 25 d Eagles MET 4.